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Application No.: 10/724,738) Examiner: Rosasco, Stephen D.
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING) Confirmation No.: 2083
A PHOTO MASK AND METHOD)
OF MANUFACTURING A)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. To the knowledge of the undersigned, Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on December 2, 2003.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

Each document listed in this IDS was first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose an English language version of the Notification citing the listed documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. A copy of the Notification is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

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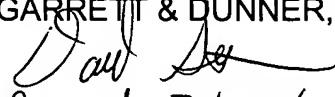
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Respectfully submitted,

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